DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application	)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY For Auth-	)	DOCKET NO. 89.12.46
ority To Decrease Charges For	)	ORDER NO. 5441
Natural Gas Service.	)	
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1.   Consumers Gas Company (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all costs resulting from the rate decrease granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. 87.8.38.

2.   On October 31, 1989, the Commission's Order No. 5410b granted Montana Power Company a natural gas rate decrease for firm utility customers.

3.   Order No. 5410b will result in decreased purchased gas costs to Applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.   Applicant is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.

2.   The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

3.   The rate levels and spread approved herein are reasonable.

ORDER

1.   Applicant is hereby granted relief as reflected in the Findings of Fact in this Order.

2.   Such relief is to become effective for services rendered on and after December 8, 1989.

3.   The rates shall be collected upon a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 8th day of December, 1989 by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

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HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

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WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.